

Amendments to the Specification:

The specification has been amended as follows:

- Please amend paragraph [0012] as follows:

[0012] It is a feature of the present invention that capturing FTS and conveying this information to corresponding locations or "places" along the cochlea can be implemented in conjunction with such concepts as ~~K of L~~ M of N stimulation strategies, as well as virtual channels/electrodes.

- Please amend paragraph [0078] as follows:

[0078] It is further emphasized that the present method can be used in conjunction with other stimulation concepts including use of (a) virtual electrodes and (b) ~~K of L~~ M of N stimulation strategy. A ~~K of L~~ M of N strategy is a stimulation strategy in which only $[[K]] M$ number of channels or electrodes are stimulated in one time interval of the $[[L]] N$ total available channels or electrodes. $[[K]] M$ is smaller than $[[L]] N$, and both are whole numbers. Preferably, $[[L]] N$ is between 8 and 22 channels or electrodes. Virtual electrodes may be used in such a ~~K of L~~ M of N stimulation system, provided that at least two electrodes are concurrently stimulated, e.g., $[[K]] M$ is at least 2.